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This newsletter hopes to bring you news of the Animal Liberation Front, and the ALF Support Group. We also hope to bring you a forum for activists to circulate their ideas, discuss 'technical problems', and bring you info on animal liberation in general. We welcome all letters for publication, articles, artwork, comments, and action reports(see article on mail security). The ALF Support Group is a seperate organization from the Animal Liberation Front, whose purpose is to support the ALF in all legal means possible. It has been formed for those who wish to support the ALF without breaking the law.

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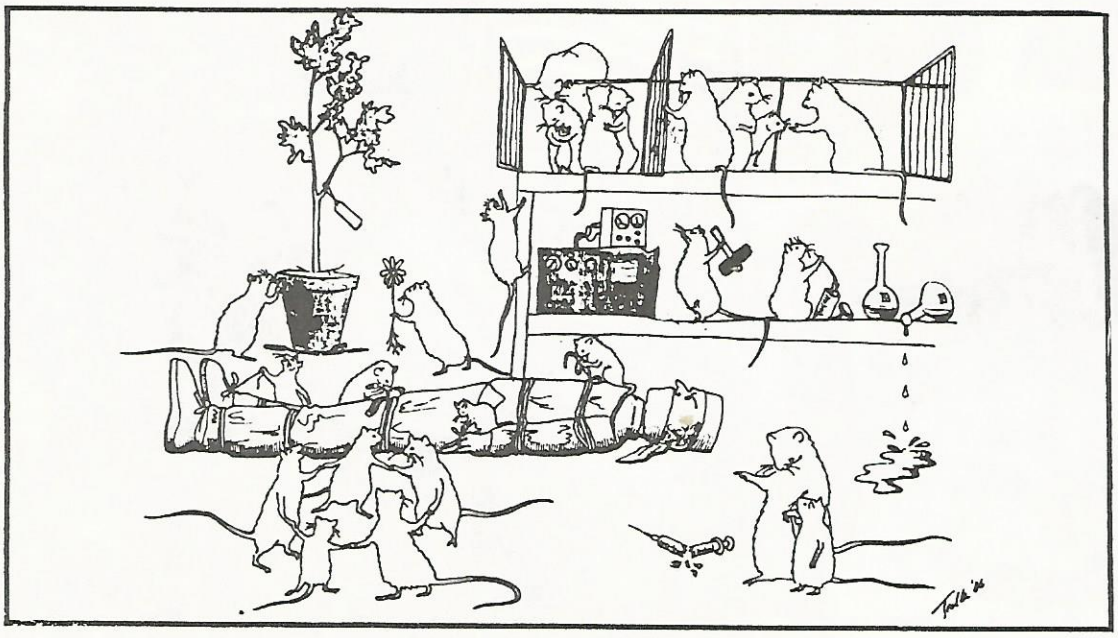

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MILITANT ANIMAL RIGHTS CELL THREATENS MORE VANDALISM

ALF EDMONTON
NEWS RELEASE
ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT

SOMETIME IN JANUARY A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN ANIMAL LIBERATION HAVE JOINED TOGETHER AS AN A.L.F. CELL. WE CARRY OUT ACTIONS AGAINST MCDONALD'S, BURGER KING, WENDY'S, HARVEY'S, KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN, AS WELL AS VARIOUS BUTCHERS, FURRIERS, AND SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

ACTS OF ECONOMIC SABOTAGE ARE USUALLY SPRAYPAINTING THE BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY, SMASHING WINDOWS, GLUING LOCKS, ETC. WE TRY TO GET TOGETHER ONCE A WEEK AND WE HAVE AVERAGED LATELY ANY WHERE FROM 2 TO 9 TARGETS IN ONE NIGHT, COMPARED TO ENGLAND'S AVERAGE OF 40 ACTIONS PER WEEK, WE FEEL PRETTY GOOD ABOUT OUR EFFORTS. WE WILL TRY TO KEEP THE VARIOUS MEDIA UPDATED ON OUR ACTIONS. IN THE EARLY MORNING OF OCTOBER 24th WE ATTACKED A KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN, A FURRIER, AND A LEATHER SHOP. THE EARLY MORNING OF OCT. 22 WE ATTACKED 7 FURRIERS INCLUDING THE BAY, A LEATHER SHOP, AND QUEEN CITY MEAT'S.

WE DON'T PLAN TO STOP WITH THESE SMALL ACTIONS (OR WHAT SOME WOULD CONSIDER SMALL), BUT PLAN TO INCREASE AND BROADEN OUR RANGE OF BOTH TARGETS AND TACTICS. PATIENCE, TIME AND PRACTICE ARE ALL IT TAKES!

(ANOTHER) ALF EDMONTON CELL

This photocopied communique was received yesterday by The Edmonton Sun.

Animal zealots surface

By TIMOTHY LeRICHE and MINDELLE JACOBS
Staff Writers

Police are investigating a militant, violent animal rights group which claims responsibility for a series of vandalism sprees in Edmonton and threatens to broaden its assault.

A communique delivered to *The Edmonton Sun* yesterday claims an Animal Liberation Front (ALF) cell was formed in Edmonton in January and its small band of activists has vandalized several food outlets and fur businesses.

City police say the warning is being taken seriously, and say it is the first time they've had a group claim responsibility for the damage.

They are now investigating the vandalism as the work of an ALF cell, said police spokesman Sgt. Mike Tabler.

Alberta Fur Council spokesman Donna Dunsmore, who is familiar with the worldwide group, said: "These people are very dangerous."

Dunsmore said some local furriers have received personal threats and although the aggressors did not give an identity, it is believed they are with the clandestine front.

ALF's anonymous, one-page photocopied notice to *The Sun* claimed responsibility for the Oct. 24 vandalism of an Edmonton Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet, a furrier and a leather shop; and for the Oct. 22 vandalism of seven furriers, The Bay and Queen City Meats.

The note to *The Sun* said cell actions include smashing windows, gluing locks and spray-painting buildings.

"... we have averaged lately anywhere from two to nine targets in one night, compared to England's average of 40 actions per week; we feel pretty good about our efforts," said the letter.

"We don't plan to stop with these small actions (or what some would consider small), but plan to increase and broaden our range of both targets and tactics."

The owner of Queen City Meats, who requested anonymity, said vandals used acid to etch 'AFL' and 'scum' on to three large window panes. They also spray-painted 'meat is murder' on the side of the building at 11104 162 Ave.

Linda Fossenier, owner of Paris Furs, 10448 82 Ave., said her shop has been vandalized several times.

The door locks have been glued twice, most recently on Oct. 22, she said.

Vandals spray-painted the word 'murderers' near the back door about a week ago and smeared a cement-like substance on the windows several times over the past few months.

"I think they're very ignorant. I don't know what they intend to accomplish by doing this," Fossenier said.

Last December ALF took credit for bombing four exclusive London, England department stores. No one was injured.

"This is an incredible form of cowardice," said Alison Beal of the Fur Council of Canada, who said the sect has been responsible for firebombings in Toronto and Vancouver.

Five ALF members were arrested in Toronto in 1987 for vandalism at fast food outlets.

Anthony Lee

FURRIER FURIOUS AFTER DAMAGE SPREE

Traps urged for vandals

By PAUL RODGE
Staff Writer

An Edmonton furrier says leg-
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mals" who vandalized her shop
stores early yesterday

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group exists.
"We had to hi

Paragini said.

Underground group lives by guidelines

B2 The Edmonton Journal.

Anti-fur trade vandalism is intolerable, Reimer says

Furriers

ANIMAL RIGHTS

Vigilante furriers banding together to fight radicals

Vandalism blamed on anti-fur lobby

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and a leather shop
are investigat
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More attacks blamed on ALF

By TONY BLAIS
Staff Writer

An Edmonton police de-
tective has been assigned
full time to co-ordinate
the probe into a spree of
vandalism by a militant
animal rights organ-
ization.
And polic

Constable Tom Gon records particulars from manager Brigitte Jackson, manager of Laura Lee Fur Salon, outside her damaged store.

Fur stores hit with rocks, glue, profanities

For the second weekend, anti-fur vandals attack five Jasper Avenue furri

FLORENCE LOYIE
Journal Staff Writer

Edmonton

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Avenue and 103rd St

FUR-THER DAMAGE

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anti-fur slogans"

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Besieged furriers want help

"What we are really talking about here is safeguarding the rights of the small business

Animal rights vandals slammed HITS EDMONTON

By MINDELLE JACOBS and

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way, Paragini said he's worried non-
violent animal rights groups will lose public sympathy be-
ALF's actions

"If they're using acts of violence to get a
terrorist group and this causes

ALF's appear

However, the assistant dir
vandalism "does nothing to help animals."

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property damage. In
another group released 100
animals from a Toronto lab.

The ALF guidelines are to:

- Liberate animals from places of abuse (labs and farms) and place them in homes where they can live out their natural lives.
- Inflict economic damage to people who profit from the misery and exploitation of animals.
- Reveal the horrors and atrocities committed against animals behind closed doors by performing non-violent, direct actions and liberations.

Edmonton

DAVID HOWELL
Journal Staff Writer

ANIMAL RIGHTS VANDALS 'MISDIRECTED'

Taxidermist slams terrorists

An animal rights group vandalizing numerous city busi-
nesses is acting "worse than terrorists," says a local shopkeeper
whose store has been hit.

The Animal Liberation Front (ALF) in a communique re-
leased earlier this week to The

The Sun. "They are brave enough to do it but not brave
to come forward."

The taxidermist wishe
doesn't want

Furriers say they won't surrender to 'terrorists'

GERRY WARNER
Journal Staff Writer

Edmonton

Jasper Avenue furriers say they will win the battle against anti-fur activists who vandalized several fur stores last weekend for the second weekend in a row.

Spokesmen for the anti-fur lobby also deplored the vandalism but said they could sympathize with the frustration that caused it.

Donna Dunsmore, president of

intimidating our customers, but
sooner or later they're going to
up and then they will
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Brigitte Jackson, m
Laura Lee Fur Salon
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"I think anybody who
something like this has
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Animal rights group has furriers worried

EDMONTON (CP) — Some
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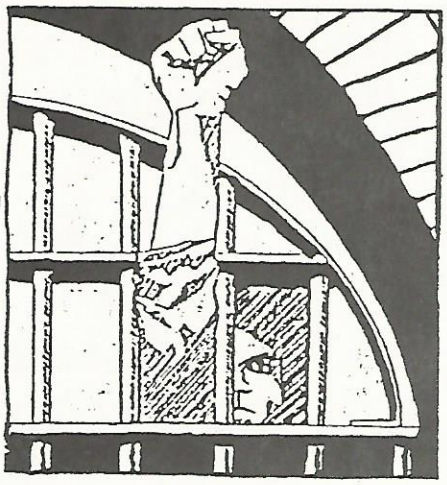
JAIL SUCKS · SO SEND THEM A NOTE



Prison isolates people from the outside world. Besides visiting writing is the most important thing you can do to help break down that isolation. If you can't think of much to write then just a card wishing them well is great. Remember that all letters to prisoners are opened and censored, so don't write anything that could jeopardise someones freedom. The old group Support Animal Rights Prisoners(SARP) has merged with the ALFSG (UK). For updated prisoner lists contact them at their address. ALFSG(UK), BCM 1160, London, WC1N 3XX, England.

Ronnie Lee

Fran Trutt, in the USA was sentenced to 10 years in prison, suspended after 32 months, and 3 years probation. Having already served time while awaiting conclusion of court proceedings, she will be eligible for release in March. Fran was accused of planting a bomb in Nov.'88 near the parking area of Leon Hirsch, chairman of US Surgical Corps. Fran was set up by USSC officials who had infiltrated the animal rights movement.FRAN TRUTT, 199 WEST MAIN STREET, NIANTIC CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTE, CONNECTICUT 06357, USA.

Ronnie Lee still serving a ten year prison sentence for conspiracy to commit arson, criminal damage and to incite others to commit criminal damage. Before his imprisonment Ronnie was press officer for the Animal Liberation Front. RONNIE LEE, V02682, LB2 CLYDE, HM PRISON, CHANNINGS WOOD, DENBURY, NEWTON ABBOT, DEVON, TQ12 6DW, ENGLAND.

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ALFSG - Toronto

October 1990 (An update)

Since 1984, the ALF Support Group here in Toronto has been working hard bringing you the information and news of the Animal Liberation Front. It has been a challenging and inspirational task to inform and disseminate the news of the ALF.

All of us who have been involved with the ALFSG in Toronto continue to work in various areas of animal liberation and struggle, both non-human and human. Many of us find ourselves working in many different kinds of political movements and issues, and currently there is not much focus on animal liberation issues.

This lull in activity is reflected by a similar phenomena in not just the ALF, but in the entire spectrum of the animal rights and liberation movements across Canada in recent years. It is for a combination of these and other factors that we have made the decision to put the working functions of the ALFSG in Toronto on the "back burner" for now.

We want to give a big "thank you" to all of you who have contributed, and helped make our work and this group a reality. Undoubtably, without your letters, news, time, energy, and of course your financial help, the ALFSG couldn't have existed!

We also want to apologize to any of you who have donated money over this past year and may in some way feel "ripped off." The small excess of funds we had in September, when we agreed to disband, has been distributed to four groups: The Hunt Saboteurs in California, the newly formed ALF Support Group in Edmonton, Alberta, the ALFSG in England and the Wimmin Prisoner Survival Network in Toronto. We encourage you to write and support these groups.

By all accounts and information we've received, we know that the Animal Liberation Front (and sister groups like the Animal Rights Militia, among others) continue to be growing and are increasingly a more effective force worldwide. Actions against animal exploiters and killers continue to happen, with the west coast of Canada and Edmonton in particular, seeing a lot of activity over the past two years. As a direct result, an ALF Support Group has formed in Edmonton, and we encourage you to support their work. They are producing action reports, a newsletter, and an excellent new handbook -- An Animal Rights Primer. As well, we have sent our stock of ALF T-shirts to them, so if you would still like to order one, it's not too late!

Hunt Saboteurs
P.O. Box 3412
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Wimmin Prisoner Survival Network
P.O. Box 770, Stn. P
Toronto, Ont.
M5S 2X1 Canada

PRISONER SUPPORT CONTINUED

Barry Horne, Gari Allen, Michael Shanahan have been remanded in custody charged with 'conspiracy to cause explosions'. All are currently at Bedford prison. Please write letters of support to them, but please write to the prisoners individually. In other words, don't send a letter addressed to all three of them!
BARRY HORNE, HD2665,
GARI ALLEN, HD2670,
MICHAEL SHANAHAN, HD2664,
HM PRISON, ST. LOYES, BEDFORD, BEDFORSHIRE, ENGLAND.

Neil Theobald, was arrested on Sept. 27/90 following police raids at several homes in south England. Neil is being tried on 2 charges of arson and 2 charges of criminal damage with intent to endanger life. One of the arson charges and one of the criminal damage charges relates to an incident when incendiary devices were planted in a couple of vans belonging to a butchers. One device set a van ablaze. The other 2 charges are in connection with a similar incident when a meat wholsale firm, was attacked and a van damaged by fire. Neil is pleading not guilty to all charges. Please send all letters of support to: NEIL THEOBALD, XC1567, HM PRISON, ROMSEY ROAD, WINCHESTER, HANTS, SO22 5DF, ENGLAND.

ALF Spokesperson Arrested

Crescenzo Vellucci, a 42 year-old spokesperson for the ALF, has been accused of participating in a 1986 raid of a University of Oregon research lab and may face a stiff prison term from an over-zealous prosecution.

The raid, which Vellucci denies he was involved with, liberated over 150 animals, including 18 cats, 24 rabbits, 12 hamsters and 100 rats.

Although Vellucci intends to plead not guilty, he says he is looking forward to the trial as an opportunity to combat the authoritarian harrassment both he and other political activists have been subjected to over the issue of animal liberation.

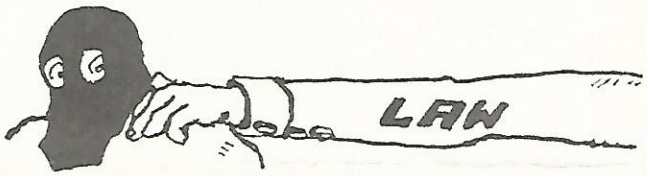
The prosecution, in typical tight-lipped manner, has refused to state what case, if any, it has against Vellucci, and said only that Vellucci is a suspect because he has acted as an ALF spokesperson in the past.

One member of the raiding party, Roger Troen of Portland who drove the getaway car, was arrested and convicted in 1988.

In addition to Vellucci, the State has issued warrants for the arrest of "several" other suspects.

Vellucci has been subjected to undue harassment by the authorities. Although he voluntarily turned himself in to police, he is being treated as a "fugitive" and, despite the lack of any concrete evidence, the judicial system is treating him as "guilty until proven innocent."

A support fund has been set up for Vellucci. All donations should be sent to the National Foundation for Animal Law, 926 J St., Suite 813, Sacramento, California, 95814.



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Supermarket Sabotage

Supermarkets are showcases for many products of pain: items containing dangerous chemicals, goods imported from right-wing regimes and commodities which result from the abuse or poor treatment of workers. Supermarkets, one might say, are also cemeteries for dead animals. Pigs, cows, chickens and fish are wrapped in tight-fitting plastic suits and placed in refrigerated coffins until someone plucks them up and prepares them for cremation in a kitchen oven. Supermarkets, then, are the last link in a long chain of human and animal exploitation. If we can intervene in this process and force shoppers and store owners to question the value — financial, political and ecological — of continuing to sell and consume certain products, such action may translate into less waste and suffering.

Identify Domination and Death

Use stickers to tell people the truth about products. "Hamburger" and "steak", for instance, disguise the fact that both are animal flesh, so apply an adhesive label to them which reads "Warning: This package contains DEAD ANIMALS" or "Animals suffered to make this product." (See *Lomakatsi* #1 for other suggestions and advice on how to make or obtain the stickers.) When applying stickers, you may want to target specific items. In this way you can call attention to products associated with great amounts of pain — veal and battery eggs for example — and work to eliminate the sale of these items. The assault on the supermarket will also appear to be more focused and it may be easier to convince the manager to remove particular commodities from the shelf.

Shuffle the Shopping Containers

Have fun filling hand baskets and shopping carts with meat and other products and then abandon them in different aisles of the store. Be sure to load up with fresh cuts of flesh because when it sits for a period of time without refrigeration, it spoils and has to be discarded. You can quicken this process by slitting the cellophane wrapper with your fingernail, exposing the fish or flesh to the air. Whenever possible, it's helpful to place stickers on at least a few of the items that you've sabotaged so that others will recognize the meaning of the action and not mistake it for a prank. If you use leaflets, make certain they don't contain the name of an individual or group who could be held responsible.

Engage in Olfactory Warfare

Selling corporate food, fake food and dead food for profit stinks. So why not let supermarkets know that. Engage the senses of shoppers by creating a real stench. This can be accomplished by hiding fresh meat and other perishable products on the back of shelves, behind paper towels, rolls of toilet paper, cat litter and similar large items. After a few days the goods will go bad and begin to smell. Customers will undoubtedly complain to managers or, better yet, stop shopping there. Again, it's helpful to put stickers on the packages and, whenever possible, to tear part of the wrapper to expedite spoilage. Canned items, like cat food and sardines, can be sabotaged by using a small can opener to puncture an air opening in the top of the containers.

Use Theatrics

As you're leaving, load up a cart full of meat, eggs, cheese and boycotted goods and get in a check-out line. When the cashier has totaled your "purchase", dig frantically in your pockets and then "suddenly" realize that you forgot to bring money. At this point, a friend or someone in your group could start telling everyone around about the problems associated with the products in your cart: the chemical contents, the health dangers of meat, the practices of large corporations, and so on. You can then show interest in and sympathy for these arguments and decide that you don't want these things anyway. Your action may encourage others who are listening and watching to do so as well, or at least make them think twice about what they are buying. This is just one possible scenario for action. Improvise and experiment.

Some Suggestions

- Look out for store mirrors above the meat coffins and keep an eye out for employees who wander about restocking shelves.
- Switch to different supermarkets temporarily if you suspect the ones that you have been targeting are on the alert.
- Enter and exit the store by yourself or in small groups and choose days (Fridays and weekends) and times (5–7 pm) when the store is crowded so as not to attract attention.
- Keep pressure on the store in as many ways as possible. Someone not taking part in the actions might meet with store managers in your area to discuss chosen products which they stock and to inform them that many people plan to boycott the store until it stops selling these items.

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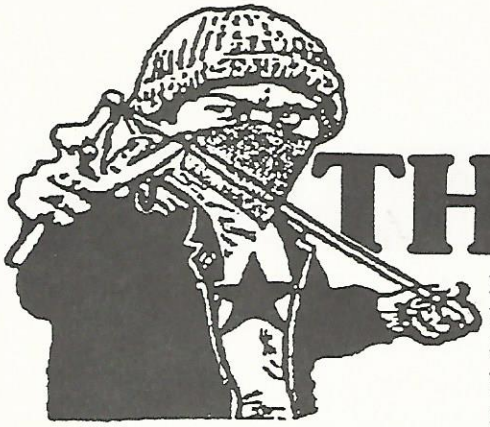


THE ALF STRIKES

EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR, MEN AND WOMEN OF THE ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT DIRECTLY INTERVENE TO STOP ANIMAL SUFFERING, AT THE RISK OF LOSING THEIR OWN FREEDOM. THEY OCCUR EVERYWHERE ACROSS THE WORLD FROM ITALY TO AUSTRIA TO JAPAN TO SPAIN TO AUSTRALIA. BELOW ARE SOME ACCOUNTS OF ACTIONS IN THE LAST YEAR:

BELGIUM

All 4 tires of a hunting jeep were burst and "FLA" was scratched on the bodywork while owners were beating for game.

CANADA

EDMONTON
Feb. 6/90 Bomb threat at the Biological Sciences building(University of Alberta) Bomb squad brought in, no bomb found.
Mar. 23/90 Laura Lee fur salon had it's locks glued and was spraypainted.
April 6/90 Windows painted of 5 furriers.
April 13/90 5 furriers had their locks glued, and were spraypainted. Laura Lee fur salon had it's windows smashed.
May 25/90 Buckskin Fur & Leather had it's windows smashed and locks glued. Laura Lee fur salon was spray painted, locks glued, and windows smashed.
June 90 Strathcona McDonalds had it's window smashed.
June 6/90 Ken Belcourt furs had their locks glued and windows smashed.
July 90 The Fur Shop had it's windows smashed and a butcher shop had it's windows smashed.
July 14/90 Abbotsfield Mall McDonalds spraypainted and broke windows. Ken Belcourt Furs was spraypainted and locks glued. A sausage house was spraypainted.
Aug. 29/90 University of Alberta vivisector had his house attacked, a large rock was thrown through the front window marked "courtesy of the ALF"
Oct. 1/90 Artz fur & leather had thier window smashed.
Jan 91 A Kentucky Fried Chicken and Artz fur & leather had their windows smashed.

TORONTO
Oct. 9/90 The Animal Rights Militia claimed responsibility for a thanksgiving action where they disabled five trucks of Royce Dupont Poultry Packers by slashing all tires as well as cutting cables and fluid lines.

CORSICA

Jan. 9/90 A slaughter house was blown-up in Bastia.

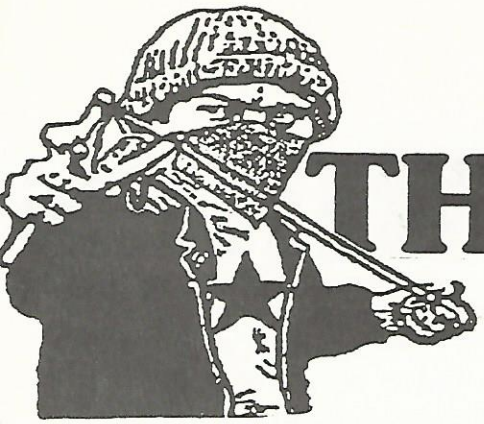
FRANCE

April 30/90 Thirty dogs and twenty-three rabbits were liberated from a vivisection lab in Marseille.
May 90 "meat is murder-FLA" painted on a butchers van.

ENGLAND

AVON
In March, in Midsomer Norton, a lump of stone was hurled through two large windows of 'Lakes' butchers. Damage was estimated at £1000.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE
Breeding pens at Interfauna in Huntingdon were raided in April. 82 beagles and 26 rabbits were rescued. The value of the animals was estimated at £29,000. Annually the Interfauna produces 2,800 dogs, 80,000 guinea pigs, 17,000 rabbits 300,000 rats and 600,000 mice for vivisection. They have established production centres in France, Germany and Spain



THE ALF STRIKES

DEVON
In May, two Scottich wildcats at the Paignton zoo were rescued, in co-ordination with a similar raid in Essex at the Colchester zoo.

HAMPSHIRE
McDonalds restaurants in Fareham and Portsmouth, and a Burger King in Southampton came under fire attack during April and May. Early May, a Fareham meat wholesaler came under attack with trucks and buildings being daubed with paint, graffiti and paintstripper and the trucks also had their gas tanks filled with gravel. In June, in Petersfield, £50,000 worth of damage was caused to a cattle truck at Rowlands cattle farm. Slogans were sprayed on the farm and a week later the owner was told to stop supplying cattle for research or retribution would follow. Incendiary devices were attached to two vans at the Russel Hume meat company in Southamption. In Portsmouth, a vehicle belonging to a firm which supplies machinery to the meat industry were set on fire.

LIVERPOOL
In a statement from the ALF, an arson attack was explained to be in retribution for the horses killed during the Grand National. A pony was also liberated in May. "Cancelled" stickers were pasted over posters advertising a circus in June.

LONDON
Many butchers and fishmongers had their windows sprayed with acid, locks superglued and slogans painted over the premises.

GREATER MANCHESTER
In March, many butchers' windows were smashed; in Bury, Heywood, Bolton, Prestwich, Farnworth and Rochdale. In response to seven horses dying at Aintree, windows and a sattellite dish belonging to Ladbrokes were smashed. Vans belonging to Entwhistle Bacon Co. were damaged. Arthur Openshaw, who broke a hunt saboteur's nose and attacked another in a racist frenzy had his car windows etched. In May, an angler and a butcher had slogans painted on their windows. In Manchester, in June, 3 butcher shops were attacked and a puppy was rescued. £15,000 worth of damage was caused to an abattoir in Royton, Oldham.

NORFOLK
12,000 snails were liberated in April in Colby before an estimated £70,000 damage was caused at Peter van Poortvliet's breeding farm. In May in Thetford, £200,000 worth of damage was caused when broiler sheds were burnt down. In June, seven reptiles were taken from "Pets Pantry" in Norwich.

SUSSEX
Gun shops in Heathfield and East Grinstead who were members of the British Field Sports Society, and pubs which allow hunts to meet, had windows etched. A controlled explosion was carried out at the meat counter at Safeway in Hastings; two toughened plate glass windows at McDonalds were smashed with bricks at Bexhill-on-Sea. Culverwells car dealers, who paid to have the company listed in blood sports publications, had tires slashed, 21 windows and cars covered in etching fluid, and slogans painted on walls.

POLAND

Activists rescued ten rats and a tortoise from a laboratory. In Gdansk in June the locks of some fur shops were destroyed. In Pita some anglers equipment was destroyed and fish were released back into water. In Bytom a butchers shop had its screen and lock broken and slogans daubed over the premises.

SOUTH AFRICA

Mannock Furs shop in Durban was damaged in an arson attack. This followed an earlier action when the same shop was covered in red paint. The owner offered a reward in return for information leading to the arrest of the activists responsible.

SWEDEN

Three Djurensbefrielsefront (ALF) groups have carried out a number of actions including 'painting' foxes and mink at fur farms with red henna to make the fur useless for the fur trade and other actions have included pulling down and sawing up hunting platforms.

UNITED STATES

July 4/89 Five cats were rescued from psychology experiments at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock. The electronic equipment and stereotaxic restraint devices were destroyed. The stored brains of dozens of other cats were taken for burial. A Texas Tech spokesmomen said the raid caused $70,000 damage.

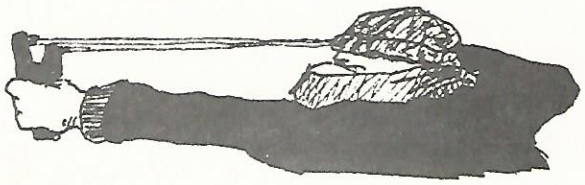
Jan. 6/90 Three dogs were rescued from the Vetrans Administration Medical Center in Tucson, Arizona. The VA is suspected of doin research for the University of Arizona Medical Center, to help the latter get around humane laws.

Jan. 14/90 documents, videotapes, slides and floppy disks were taken from the office of Adrian Morrison, anatomy professor at the University of Pennslyvania School of Veterinary Medicine. "Cat Killer" and "ALF" was written on a wall.

June 9/90 15 fur stores in New York City's fur district had their locks glued the day before a big fur sale.

In California a fur shop was closed after substantial damage was caused to it in arson attack.

Thirty three turkeys were rescued from Swanson turkey factory farm, slogans were sprayed and equipment was damaged.



A Letter from Ronnie Lee

Dear Friends
This letter is to thank all SG members for the great support they have given me during the time I've been in prison. The SG has been a tremendous help to me in terms of money needed to buy educational materials, stamps for my letters, batteries for my radio, etc. and also to assist many of my visitors with the high cost of coming to see me in prison. Of course, that money comes originally from SG members, many of whom have also sent me direct donations, and words cannot express how grateful I am for this financial assistance which has made my time in prison so much more productive and easier to withstand.

My gratitude also goes out to all those SG members who've sent me letters of support. During my prison sentence I've received letters from well over a thousand different people, most of whom have learned of my situation through the SG. This correspondence has helped tremendously to keep me in good spirits and I only wish I was able to write back promptly to everyone who has written. Unfortunately, there is a limit to the number of letters I can write, so many people have not yet received a reply. This letter is especially dedicated to them, as a measure of my appreciation, and also so they can know a little about my present situation.

Out of my ten year sentence I will have to serve six years and eight months unless I am granted parole. I have already spent over 4½ years in prison, which means, at the very most, I have only about two years left to do, which to me doesn't seem too great a length of time. If I am granted parole I could be out even earlier, but I prefer not to think too much about that possibility, so as to avoid dissappointment.

The first twenty months of my sentence were spent in prisons where the conditions were pretty awful, but since then my situation has been a lot better. In this prison, for instance, I have a reasonably comfortable cell of my own and I am able to spend time doing such things as watching TV or taking a walk in the very pleasant prison grounds. After I was first sentenced, I was treated as a top security prisoner, but now I am allowed a considerable amount of freedom in "semi open" conditions. I am also allowed a weekend's "home leave" every six months, which I spend with my parents. I shall never forget my feelings of joy on my first home leave when I was able to make a fuss of their collie (the first time I had stroked a dog in over 3½ years). I'm able to have a visit here from family or friends every two weeks, which is also a great boost to the spirits, but unfortunately, the visits aren't frequent enough for me to see everyone I'd like.

At the begining of my sentence I decided that if the powers that be were going to steal several years of my life, I was going to get a few back by keeping myself really fit and healthy. Therefore, I've always made sure to get plenty of exercise and enjoy playing badminton and tennis as well as going for runs around the sports field. It also helps that the vegan diet here is one of the best I've ever had in prison. It must all be paying off as quite a few of my recent visitors have said they've never seen me looking so he althy, and I'm certainly far fitter now than I was on the outside.

I have never felt that serving a prison sentence was any reason not to carry on my work for animal liberation and so in everything I do I still have the protection of animals in mind. At the start of my sentence I began learning foreign languages, in order to be able to help the animal liberation movement in other countries after my release. I have also gained myself a place at a polytechnic in London to study for a language degree after I get out and am in contact with animal rights campaigners in many different countries, whom I frequently communicate with in their own language.

When I was outside I was always so busy that I never allowed myself time to sit down and seriously think about the operation of the animal protection movement as a whole, but being in prison has given me the chance to do that and I feel I have been able to identify certain aspects that are are wrong and certain areas that need to be imporved. For instance, the vicious in-fighting which so frequently

takes place within the movement is a serious bar to its effectiveness and to the acheivement of animal liberation. Rational debate, coupled with a spirit of care and respect towards other animal rights campaigners, really does need to replace the downright nastiness which so often arises between animal protectionists who have some relatively small differences of opinion. It was with this in mind, and also to provide comprehensive information about the activities of the whole movement that I became involved in the creation of a new animal liberation magazine; Arkangel. It is pleasing to hear of the very favourable. reception this publication has had amongst animal rights campaigners and after my release I intend to help extend the whole project with an information service for local animal rights groups, a scheme for helping the movement in other countries, a publishing service for booklets on various aspects of animal protection etc. etc.

There is little doubt that the SG news-letter is also read by certain agents of the authorities, who, in their efforts to prosecute and imprison animal liberation campaigners, are also agenst of the animal abusers. This letter, therefore, is also meant for them. My case is yet another example of how the imprisonment of animal liberationists has failed to halt the progress of the animal liberation movement. I was imprisoned for allegedly inciting others to damage the property of animal abusers, but in reality it is the cruelty of the animal abusers themselves which incites people to take action against them, rather than anything I, or anybody else, may write or say. During the time I have been in prison, the ALF has caused far more damage to the industries of animal persecution than ever before and has gained its greatest triumph through the large part it has played in the decimation of the fur trade. The number of people turning vegetarian or vegan has continued to increase and the yearly figure for experiments on animals continued to go down. Almost everywhere there seems to be increased awareness of animal rights and the need to protect the environment. Far from being defeated by the prison sentence, I feel that the chance to study and reflect that these years have given me has made me a far more effective campaigner.

I was greatly saddened to see the name of the ALF attributed to the "car bomb" attacks earlier in the year. It could well be that the claims of responsibility were made by someone wishing to discredit the ALF and, sad to say, that could well have been somebody within the animal rights movement, given the irrational and almost psychotic hatred that exists towards the ALF in some quarters. It is sad to see that hatred arising yet again in the misguided campaign of certain members of the Animal Aid heirarchy to bar ALF sympathisers from the animal rights movement and discourage people from contributing to the ALFSG. If the campaign were to succeed it would seriously split the movement and impede the important work of the SG in providing for the welfare of those arrested and imprisoned for helping the animals. Recent reports indicate, however, that most local A/R groups and a large number of Animal Aidmembers are opposed to the campaign, which has failed to destroy support for the ALF or the SG. It has, sadly, caused harm to the image of Animal Aid and it is very painful to see that important society damaged by the irresponsible behaviour of certain of its officers.

On the subject of "car bombs", it is quite easy to understand how the vicious cruelty of vivisectors can cause caring people to wish to take terminal action against them, but it cannot be justifiable to seriously endanger passers-by in the process. I refuse to use such hysterical and innappropriate words as "terrorists" or "maniacs" to describe the people responsible, but I would appeal to them to take great care not to injure the innocent in future.

Finally, to return to the SG members reading this letter, I would like to thank them once again for their much-valued support and urge them never to give up the fight against animal persecution, no matter how hard the battle may seem at times. Despite the setbacks this is a time of great hope for animal liberation with many victories being won. If we can continue our efforts the day of our ultimate triumph may be at hand

Very Best Wishes
Ronnie Lee

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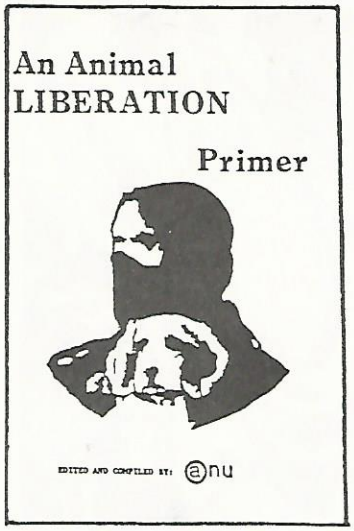

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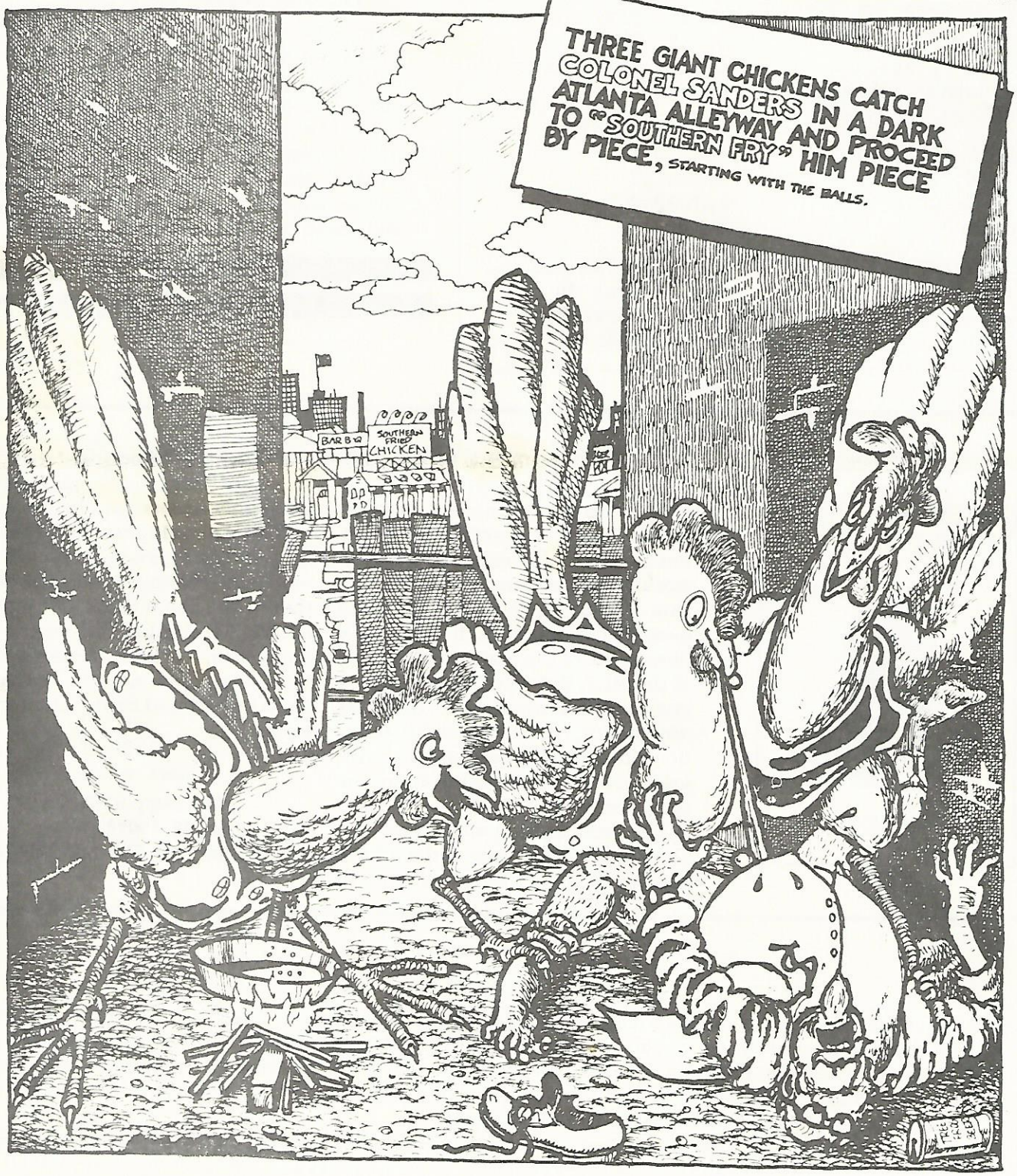
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